

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, more than one million women and 400,000 men are stalked annually in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, one in 12 women and one in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetimes, with the majority of victims being stalked by an acquaintance; and

**WHEREAS**, stalking victims experience anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, lost work hours and productivity, and severe depression at a much higher rate than the general population; and

**WHEREAS**, stalking victims are forced to take drastic measures to protect themselves, such as relocating, changing their address, changing their identities, changing jobs, and obtaining protection orders; and

**WHEREAS**, stalking is a crime in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and under the laws of the federal government; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i joins with the nation in recognizing January 2006 as Stalking Awareness Month; and


**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i State Government is joining forces with national organizations, victim service providers, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout the country to inform the public about the consequences of stalking,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim January 2006 as

## **STALKING AWARENESS MONTH**

in Hawai'i, and encourage all residents to learn more about this critical safety issue.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eleventh day of January 2006.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i